

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0080]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to claim payment for reimbursement and to authorize and process payment of medical and hospital services provided by a non-Federal provider; and to authorize use of and process payment for ambulance and other hired vehicle.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (161A1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0080" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the

quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) way to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Claim for Payment of Cost of Unauthorized Medical Service, Authority and Invoice for Travel by Ambulance or Other Hired Vehicle, and Authorization and Invoice for Medical and Hospital Services.

Form Numbers:

- a. VA Form 10-583, Claim for Payment of Cost of Unauthorized Medical Service.
- b. VA Form 10-2511, Authority and Invoice for Travel by Ambulance or Other Hired Vehicle.
- c. VA Form 10-7078, Authorization and Invoice for Medical and Hospital Services.

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Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract:

a. VA Form 10-583 is used by administrative personnel in VA medical facilities of fee jurisdiction to collect information for determining legal and medical eligibility of applicants for payment or reimbursement of the costs of unauthorized medical services obtained by a veteran. The form is completed by the applicant as an official claim for such benefits and by VA officials to certify the authorized payment or reimbursement and to authorize such payment. If the collection of information was not carried out, VA's ability to provide reimbursement or payment for these costs would be negated.

b. Administrative personnel in VA medical facilities to authorize expenditures from the beneficiary trust account use VA Form 10-2511. It is also used to process payment for ambulance or other hired vehicular forms of transportation to eligible veterans to and from VA health care facilities for examination, treatment or care. If the collection of information was not conducted, payment to vendors for services rendered would not be possible.

c. VA Form 10-7078 is used by administrative personnel in VA medical facilities to authorize expenditures from the medical care account and process payment of medical and hospital services provided by other than Federal health providers to VA beneficiaries. Without the use of this form it would complicate management and record keeping of expenditures for medical

care provided at VA expense by the private sector.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit—Individuals or households—Not-for-profit institutions—State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 29,671 hours.

- a. VA Form 10-583—17,188 hours.
- b. VA Form 10-2511—4,083 hours.
- c. VA Form 10-7078—8,400 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

- a. VA Form 10-583—15 minutes.
- b. VA Form 10-2511—2 minutes.
- c. VA Form 10-7078—2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 443,250.

- a. VA Form 10-2421—68,750.
- b. VA Form 10-2520—122,500.
- c. VA Form 10-2914—252,000.

Dated: December 10, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the application for cash surrender or policy loan on Government Life Insurance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of